PATENT Attorney Docket No. GALA-06415

Attorney Docket No. GALA-004

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Gregory T. Bleck

Serial No.:

09/897,006

Filed:

06/29/01

Entitled:

Expression Vectors

Group No.: 1636

Examiner: M

Marvich

APR 0 9 2003 H CFNTEB TOTAL

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT MAILED NOVEMBER 19, 2002

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.8(a)(1)(i)(A)

I hereby certify that this correspondence (along with any referred to as being attached or enclosed) is, on the date shown below, being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.

Dated: March 25, 2003

Mary Ellen Waite

Sir or Madam:

The following communication is responsive to the Office Action mailed November 19, 2002. Applicants have included a request, with fees, for an Extension for Response Within Fourth Month pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.1.17(a)(1). The Commissioner of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency or to credit any overpayment of fees required for this filing to Deposit Account No. 08-1290 referencing Attorney Docket No.: GALA 06415.

A version of the claims with marking indicating the changes made are attached as Appendix I. A clean version of the entire set of pending claims pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.121 (c)(3) as they would appear following entry of this amendment is attached as Appendix II.

In the Claims

The Examiner has restricted the claims into five groups. Applicants hereby elect to prosecute the claims in Group IV (Claims 21-29 and 31-33) without traverse.

Of the elected claims, please cancel claim 29 and amend claim 21 as follows: